

Rescue of crops, foliage and forests by birds, Quantities of food required by birds, Methods of investigation [of food habits], Necessity of bird protection and Systematic discussion. Under the last heading are given the main facts relating to the various orders and families, with more detailed notes on the most important species. All points made are supported by bibliographic references and the paper closes with a good bibliography. In fact Professor Henderson's publication is a concise and up-to-date compendium of information relating to economic ornithology and will be useful to all who are interested in the subject.—W. L. M.

Recent Educational Publications.—The Massachusetts Audubon Society has issued a third colored bird chart¹ for school and general educational purposes. It includes twenty species of winter birds from paintings by Louis Agassiz Fuertes and is even better than its predecessors. An explanatory pamphlet is by Winthrop Packard and furnishes such information as will be of assistance to teachers and scholars. The Meriden N. H. Bird Club has published a second annual report.² It is attractively printed and illustrated and presents numerous papers on how to attract birds, bird baths, bird enemies, bird boxes etc. The report does credit to the general manager of the Club, Mr. Ernest Harold Baynes.

From Alabama comes an admirable publication³ prepared by Commissioner J. H. Wallace, Jr. of the Department of Game and Fish. It contains a great deal of important information on the value of birds together with poems on birds and nature, attractive illustrations and hints and programs for the conduct of 'bird day.'

California contributes two more numbers of the forceful publication entitled 'The Western Wild Life Call'⁴ devoted respectively to the bill to prohibit the sale of wild game and that providing protection to the Dove, Band-tailed Pigeon, Shore-birds, Ducks, etc. The clear presentation of the need of action, by leading authorities, and the complete list of the state legislature with a call for every citizen to write to his representatives, form an admirable campaign document that could well be followed by other states in advocating similar legislation.—W. S.

¹ Twenty Winter Birds. By Winthrop Packard to Accompany Audubon Bird Chart No. 3. Published for the Massachusetts Audubon Society, By Milton Bradley Company, Springfield, Mass. 1913. Chart and pamphlet \$1.50.

² Second Report of The Meriden Bird Club, 1912. Boston, Mass. Svo., pp. 1-82. With halftone illustrations and maps. One dollar, address Secretary of The Meriden Bird Club, Meriden, N. H.

³ Alabama Bird Day Book, 1913. Issued by the Department of Game and Fish. John H. Wallace Jr. Commissioner, pp. 1-84 colored plates from 'Birds and Nature' and original halftones.

⁴ Western Wild Life Call. Nos. 2 and 3. March 14 and 29, 1913. Published by the California Associated Societies for the Conservation of Wild Life.